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SUBJECT: PASSPORT APPLICATION

REF: PARIS 23721 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 5 REFTEL, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ISRAELI LAW OF RETURN PROVIDES FOR AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION OF ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP FOR ANY JEW WHO TAKES UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE HERE UNLESS INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY DECLINES SUCH CITIZENSHIP DURING A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS. INDIVIDUALS WHO THUS DECLINE AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION (A SMALL MINORITY) CAN SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAIN ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP ONLY THROUGH PROCESS OF VOLUNTARILY APPLYING FOR NATURALIZATION. WHILE FIRST APPROACH IS NOT HELD TO BE EXPATRIATIVE, VOLUNTARY APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP OBVIOUSLY FALLS WITHIN PURVIEW OF SECTION 349(A)(1) OF INA. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE PRECISELY HOW AN INDIVIDUAL ACQUIRED ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP, THIS EMBASSY REQUIRES THAT APPLICANTS FOR PASSPORT SERVICES PRESENT CERTIFICATE FROM ISRAELI MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHICH SPECIFIES SECTION OF LAW UNDER WHICH ISRAELI NATIONALITY WAS ACQUIRED.

2. ISRAELI MILITARY SERVICE IS COMPULSORY FOR ISRAELI CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS ALIKE AT AGE OF 18, AND DEPT. HAS HELD THAT SUCH SERVICE IS NOT EXPATRIATIVE PROVIDED THAT IT WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY INTENT TO TRANSFER ALLEGIANCE. EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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AGAIN REQUIRES, HOWEVER, THAT INDIVIDUAL PRESENT WRITTEN

STATEMENT FROM MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONCERNING PERIOD AND
NATURE OF SERVICE BEFORE EXTENDING PASSPORT FACILITIES.
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